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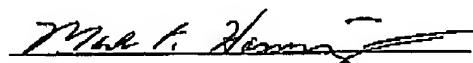
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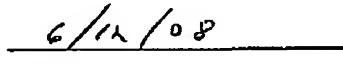
New replacement claims 54-68 are submitted above to accelerate examination. These claims generally correspond to the claims granted in the equivalent EP patent (EP 1,563,669 B1).

Favorable consideration that results in the allowance of all of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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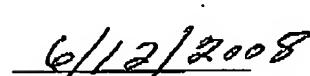
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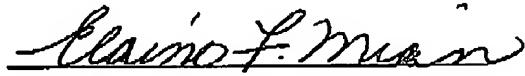
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